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In re CIP Patent Application of:  
Bruce Gregory WARREN et al.

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Application No.: 10/617,148

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Art Unit: 2664

For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
SWITCHING FIBRE CHANNEL  
ARBITRATED LOOP SYSTEMS

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2005, for which a response was due on January 17, 2006, and for which a one-month extension of time is requested to extend the time for response from January 17, 2006, to February 17, 2006, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

**SPECIFICATION**

There are no amendments to the specification.

**CLAIMS**

There are no amendments to the claims.

A complete listing of all claims ever present in this case in ascending order with status identifier is presented in a separate section.